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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 68.9 degrees, 1.3 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, September 11, 2005. Precipitation averaged 0.07 inches, 0.45 inches below normal. There were 134 modified growing degree days during the week, which is 8 degree days above normal for this week.

Reporters rated 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, September 9, 2005. Days suitable for field work were up 2.7 days from last week and 2.5 days from last year. Compared to the 2000-2004 average, the current week is up 1.5 days. Topsoil moisture was rated 11 percent very short, 27 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

|                   | Current week | Previous week | Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2005              | 6.5          | 3.8           | 118.6                               |
| 2004              | 4.0          | 4.8           | 96.6                                |
| 2000-2004 Average | 5.0          | 5.6           | 97.8                                |

#### Topsoil Moisture

|                     | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Current Week        | 11         | 27    | 60       | 2       |
| Last Week           | 3          | 19    | 68       | 10      |
| Same Week Last Year | 0          | 5     | 65       | 30      |
| 2000-2004 Average   | 14         | 17    | 54       | 16      |

### CROP PROGRESS AND FIELD ACTIVITIES WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

Reporters estimate that 37 percent of **soybeans** are dropping leaves, which is 1 day behind last year and the five-year average. Soybeans mature is at 4 percent, which is 4 days behind last year and the five-year average. Reporters estimate that 83 percent of the **corn** is at the dented stage, which is 1 day ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn mature is at 14 percent, 1 day behind last year, but the same as the five-year average. Corn silage harvested is at 43 percent, which is 5 days ahead of

last year and 4 days ahead of the five-year average. Eighty-six percent of summer **apples** are reported as harvested, which is 2 weeks behind last year and 17 days behind the five-year average. Fall and winter apples harvested are at 9 percent, which is 7 days behind last year and the five-year average. **Peaches** are reported as 89 percent harvested, which is 12 days behind last year and 10 days behind the five-year average. **Potatoes** are 49 percent harvested, which is 2 weeks behind last year and 9 days behind the five-year average. **Cucumbers** are 77 percent harvested which is 3 days ahead of last year, but 6 days behind the five-year average. **Processing tomatoes** are 73 percent harvested, which is 10 days ahead of last year and 9 days ahead of the five-year average. Grapes are 12 percent harvested, which is 5 days behind last year and the five-year average.

Crop weather reporters estimate that the third **alfalfa hay** cutting is 85 percent complete; this is 2 days ahead of last year, and the same as the five-year average. The fourth alfalfa hay cutting is 30 percent complete, which is 8 days ahead of last year, and 2 days ahead of the five-year average. The third cutting of **other hay** is estimated to be 65 percent harvested which is 8 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the five-year average.

Corn silage harvest is in full swing. Corn for grain is beginning to dry down. Farmers in the West Central region may begin the corn harvest next week. Some soybeans have been harvested. Most vine crops have matured early due to dry conditions. Pumpkins are being sold early, because most have already turned orange. Farm activities for the week include: fall plowing and cutting, getting equipment ready for corn and soybean harvest, preparing land for winter wheat planting, chopping silage, and baling and making hay.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

The percentage of hay acreage rated in good-to-excellent condition is 43 percent, an increase of 2 percentage points from last week. Thirty-one percent of pasture conditions are rated good-to-excellent, down 1 percentage point from last week. Corn is reported at 46 percent in good-to-excellent condition, an increase of 2 percentage points from last week. Soybean conditions also improved by 2 percentage points from last week, that is 57 percent of soybean acreage is rated in good-to-excellent condition. Cattle and calves are generally in good condition, aided by cooler weather. Many operators are again hauling water to livestock, many water sources have dried up after heavy rains left from hurricane Katrina.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

| Crop                                | 2005 | 2004 | 2000-2004<br>Avg | Previous Week |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------------------|---------------|------|
|                                     |      |      |                  | Ohio          | U.S. |
| Alfalfa Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting | 85   | 83   | 85               | 78            | NA   |
| Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting | 30   | 18   | 27               | 16            | NA   |
| Apples Harvested (Summer)           | 86   | 96   | 97               | 82            | NA   |
| Apples Harvested (Fall & Winter)    | 9    | 14   | 17               | NA            | NA   |
| Corn Dented                         | 83   | 83   | 72               | 68            | 79   |
| Corn Mature                         | 14   | 15   | 13               | 5             | 20   |
| Corn Silage Harvested               | 43   | 31   | 32               | 16            | NA   |
| Cucumbers Harvested                 | 77   | 72   | 83               | 64            | NA   |
| Grapes Harvested                    | 12   | 27   | 24               | NA            | NA   |
| Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting   | 65   | 45   | 55               | 55            | NA   |
| Peaches Harvested                   | 89   | 99   | 96               | 85            | NA   |
| Potatoes Harvested                  | 49   | 82   | 67               | 38            | NA   |
| Soybeans Dropping Leaves            | 37   | 36   | 32               | 12            | 15   |
| Soybeans Mature                     | 4    | 7    | 8                | NA            | NA   |
| Processing Tomatoes                 | 73   | 56   | 51               | 54            | NA   |

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11

|               |           |      |      |      |           |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| CORN          | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week  | 6         | 13   | 35   | 38   | 8         |
| Previous Week | 6         | 14   | 36   | 36   | 8         |
| Previous Year | 3         | 9    | 24   | 47   | 17        |
| HAY           | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week  | 8         | 16   | 33   | 37   | 6         |
| Previous Week | 7         | 18   | 34   | 35   | 6         |
| Previous Year | 3         | 8    | 25   | 53   | 11        |
| PASTURE       | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week  | 13        | 19   | 37   | 28   | 3         |
| Previous Week | 13        | 19   | 36   | 29   | 3         |
| Previous Year | 1         | 5    | 26   | 56   | 12        |
| SOYBEANS      | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week  | 3         | 10   | 30   | 47   | 10        |
| Previous Week | 3         | 10   | 32   | 45   | 10        |
| Previous Year | 5         | 10   | 28   | 44   | 13        |

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

|                 | Temperature |      | Precipitation |       |             |       | Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup> |      |             |      |
|-----------------|-------------|------|---------------|-------|-------------|-------|-----------------------------------|------|-------------|------|
| Region          | Last Week   | Dev. | Last Week     | Dev.  | Since Apr.1 | Dev.  | Last Week                         | Dev. | Since Apr.1 | Dev. |
| Northwest       | 70.4        | 3.3  | 0.07          | -0.60 | 15.16       | -3.82 | 143                               | 21   | 2865        | 228  |
| North Central   | 68.7        | 1.6  | 0.29          | -0.38 | 20.06       | 0.64  | 133                               | 12   | 2817        | 221  |
| Northeast       | 66.6        | 0.8  | 0.06          | -0.71 | 19.95       | -0.08 | 117                               | 2    | 2688        | 240  |
| West Central    | 70.5        | 2.5  | 1.013         | -0.37 | 17.29       | -3.16 | 146                               | 18   | 2939        | 196  |
| Central         | 69.6        | 1.5  | 0.04          | -0.37 | 18.27       | -2.45 | 139                               | 10   | 2964        | 197  |
| Central Hills   | 68.0        | 1.5  | 0.03          | -0.53 | 19.88       | -0.82 | 128                               | 8    | 2811        | 238  |
| Northeast Hills | 66.8        | 0.0  | 0.02          | -0.57 | 19.09       | -1.41 | 120                               | -1   | 2769        | 161  |
| Southwest       | 70.7        | 1.5  | 0.11          | -0.30 | 17.74       | -3.84 | 147                               | 11   | 3041        | 151  |
| South Central   | 68.9        | -0.2 | 0.01          | -0.35 | 18.57       | -1.85 | 134                               | -1   | 3107        | 185  |
| Southeast       | 68.0        | 0.2  | 0             | -0.38 | 18.39       | -2.26 | 127                               | 0    | 2937        | 183  |
| STATE           | 68.9        | 1.3  | 0.07          | -0.45 | 18.27       | -2.08 | 134                               | 8    | 2905        | 198  |

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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